GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEES
JAYABEN B. THAKKAR

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 893 daated the 27 July, 2001 regarding formation of StateAdvisory Committee and state:

(a) whether the Government have collected the requisite information by now;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The Government of India has constituted State/UT ConsultativeCommittees of Food Corporation of India for 29 States/UTs i.e. all States/UTexcept Chandigarh, Lakshadweep, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Pondicherry and Sikkim.The main duties and functions of the Consultative Committee are to discuss and make recommendations on the following matters:

(i) Procurement and distribution of foodgrains;

(ii) Quality of foodgrains;

(iii) Storage of foodgrains;

(iv) Transit and storage losses

(v) Interface of the FCI with theState Government on functioning of the Public DistributionSystem(PDS) including allocation, offtake and actual distribution of foodgrains for Antyodaya, BPL and APL families and for various welfare schemes being implemented by the Central or State Government; and

(vi) Sale and disposal of stocks.

The Consultative Committee for a State/UT consists ofMP from that State/UT who isnominated by the Central Government as chairman, Secretary (F&CS) and such other officers nominated by the State/UT, concerned, Senior Regional Manager of FCI and nor official members as nominated by the Central Government.

There is no proposal to form State Advisory Committees to look after the distribution of foodgrains under Public Distribution System (PDS) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana. However, anintegrated campaign `Jagriti Shivir Yojana` has been launched with an objective to create consumer awareness about the schemes intended for the benefit of the poorer sections of the society. These schemes are `Antyodaya Anna Yojana`, `Annapurna Yojana`, Food for Work Programme and Sarvapriya Yojana. The campaign aims to cover 120 districts in the country in the current financial year. A sum of Rs. 50,000/- will be provided to the concerned State Government/UT Administration from the Consumer Welfare Fund in respect of each district selected by the State Government to organise public awareness campaign.